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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A printer comprising:
a printhead along a media path having a first width; and
a structure having an edge extending across a majority of the first width
of the media path, wherein the edge of the structure has a first continuous segment
extending along a first portion of the first width of the media path and a second
continuous segment spaced from the first continuous segment extending along a
second portion of the first width of the media path.
2. (Original) The printer of Claim 1 including an ink recipient extending
across the media path.
3. (Original) The printer of Claim 2, wherein the ink recipient includes an
ink receiving cavity extending across the media path.
4. (Original) The printer of Claim 3 including an ink absorbent material
within the ink receiving cavity.
5. (Original) The printer of Claim 1, wherein the edge extends
substantially across the media path.
6. (Original) The printer of Claim 1, wherein the edge extends
perpendicular to the media path.
7. (Currently Amended) The printer of Claim 1 including a tapered
surface adjacent the first edge and configured to lift a leading edge of a medium.
8. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 2 including a landing
opposite the edge, wherein the ink recipient extends between the edge and the landing.

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9. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 8, wherein the edge and the landing are spaced to substantially prevent a portion of a medium from making contact with collected ink of the ink recipient.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 1, wherein the first continuous segment has a second width at least about 80.5 millimeters.

12. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 1, wherein the edge has a second continuous segment spaced from the first segment.

13. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 1, wherein the first segment and the second segment are spaced apart by about 6 millimeters.

14. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 1, wherein the first segment has a second width of no greater than 85.0 millimeters and wherein the second segment is spaced from the first segment by at least 4 millimeters.

15. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 1, wherein the first continuous segment terminates at a first end wall and a second end wall and wherein the first continuous segment has a length configured such that a first medium overhangs each of the first end wall and the second end wall by at least 2 millimeters.

16. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 15, wherein the first end wall and the second end wall are spaced such that the first medium overhangs each of the first end wall and the second end wall by a distance of at least 3 millimeters.

17. (Original) The printer of Claim 15, wherein the second continuous segment terminates at a third end wall and a fourth end wall and wherein the fourth end wall is spaced from the first end wall such that a second medium overhangs the first end wall and the fourth end wall by a distance of at least 2 millimeters.

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18. (Original) The printer of Claim 17, wherein the first end wall and the fourth end wall are spaced such that the second medium overhangs the first end wall and the fourth end wall by a distance of at least 3 millimeters.

19. (Original) The printer of Claim 15, wherein the second continuous segment terminates at a third end wall spaced from the second end wall such that the first medium overhanging the second end wall spaced from the third end wall by a distance of at least 2 millimeters.

20. (Original) The printer of Claim 1, wherein the edge extends between a first channel and a second channel and wherein the first channel and second channel each have a width of at least about 4 millimeters.

21. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 1 including an ink receiving cavity, wherein the first segment and the second segment are separated by a channel having a tapered floor configured to drain collected ink to the ink receiving cavity.

22. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 1, wherein the launching structure includes:

a first channel adjacent a first end of the first segment;

a second channel adjacent a second end of the first segment and adjacent a first end of the second segment; and

a third channel adjacent a second end of the second segment.

23. (Original) The printer of Claim 22, wherein each of the first channel, the second channel and the third channel has a width of at least about 4 millimeters.

24. (Original) The printer of Claim 22, wherein each of the first channel, the second channel and the third channel has a tapered floor.

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25. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 2, wherein the structure is configured to elevate the medium above collected ink of the ink recipient by a distance of at least about 2 millimeters.

26. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 2 including a landing opposite the structure, wherein the ink recipient extends between the landing and the structure and wherein the landing and the structure are configured to support the media such that the media extends in an arc across the ink recipient.

27. (Original) The printer of Claim 26, wherein the printhead is configured to dispense ink to the media at an apex of the arc.

28. (Withdrawn) A platen for use in a printer including a media path, the platen comprising:

an edge configured to extend across a majority of a width of the media path while contacting a print medium, wherein the edge has a first continuous segment extending along the first portion of the width of the media path and a second continuous segment spaced from the first segment extending along a second portion of the width of the media path.

29. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 28 including at least one structure forming an ink receiving cavity having a width extending across the media path.

30. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 29 including an ink absorbent material within the ink receiving cavity.

31. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 29, wherein the at least one structure and the edge are integrally formed as part of a single unitary body.

32. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 29 including a landing opposite the edge, wherein the ink receiving cavity extends between the first edge and the landing.

33. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 32, wherein the edge and the landing are spaced to substantially prevent a portion of the medium from making contact with the collected ink within the ink receiving cavity.

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34. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 28, wherein the edge extends substantially across the media path.

35. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 28, wherein the edge extends perpendicular to the media path.

36. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 28 including a tapered surface adjacent the edge and configured to lift a leading edge of the media.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 28, wherein each of the first continuous segment and the second continuous segment has a minimum width transverse to the media path of 6 millimeters.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 28, wherein the first continuous segment terminates at the first end wall and a second end wall and wherein the first continuous segment has a length configured such that a first medium overhangs each of the first end wall and the second end wall by at least 2 millimeters.

41. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 40, wherein the first end wall and the second end wall are spaced such that the medium overhangs the end walls by a distance of at least 3 millimeters.

42. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 40, wherein the second continuous segment terminates at a third end wall and a fourth end wall and wherein the fourth end wall is spaced from the first end wall such that a second medium overhangs the first end wall and the fourth end wall by a distance of at least 2 millimeters.

43. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 42, wherein the first end wall and the fourth end wall are spaced such that the second medium overhangs the first end wall and the fourth end wall by a distance of at least 3 millimeters.

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44. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 40, wherein the second continuous segment terminates at a third end wall spaced from the second end wall such that the first medium overhanging the second end wall spaced from the third end wall by a distance of at least 2 millimeters.

45. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 28, wherein the first edge segment extends between a first channel and a second channel and wherein the first channel and second channel each have a width of at least about 4 millimeters.

46. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 28 including:

a first channel adjacent a first end of the first segment;

a second channel adjacent a second end of the first segment and adjacent a first end of the second segment; and

a third channel adjacent a second end of the second segment.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Canceled)

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49. (Canceled)

50. (Previously Presented) The printer of Claim 1, wherein the edge is configured to contact an underside of a supported medium.

51. (Previously Presented) The printer of claim 50, wherein the edge is configured to contact the underside of the supported medium at a location opposite a portion of a top side of the supported medium as the portion is being printed upon by the printhead.

52. (Withdrawn) The platen of Claim 28, wherein the edge is configured to contact the underside of the supported medium at a location opposite a portion of a top side of the supported medium as the portion is being printed upon by a printhead.

53. (Previously Presented) A printer comprising:

a printhead along a media path having a first width; and

a structure having an edge extending across a majority of the first width of the media path, wherein the edge extends between a first channel and a second channel and wherein the first channel and second channel each have a width of at least about 4 millimeters.

54. (Previously Presented) A printer comprising:

a printhead along a media path having a first width;

a structure having an edge extending across a majority of the first width of the media path; and

an ink recipient extending across the media path, wherein the structure is configured to elevate the medium above collected ink of the ink recipient by a distance of at least about 2 millimeters.

55. (Previously Presented) A printer comprising:

a printhead along a media path having a first width;

a structure having an edge extending across a majority of the first width of the media path; and

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an ink recipient extending across the media path; and

a landing opposite the structure, wherein the ink recipient extends between the landing and the structure and wherein the landing and the structure are configured to support the media such that the media extends in an arc across the ink recipient.